



USS VERMONT Support Group Request For State of Vermont Appropriation

USS VERMONT (SSN 792)



- USS VERMONT is a Virginia Class Fast Attack Nuclear Submarine
- 377' Long, 34' Beam, with a Crew of 135, Expected Lifespan of 30+ years
- Primary Mission - Intelligence/Surveillance/Reconnaissance, Armaments include Tomahawk Cruise Missiles and Mk-48 Torpedoes
- USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee (VCC) formed 2018
- USS VERMONT Christened 2018
- State of Vermont appropriated \$25K in FY 20 and FY 21
- VCC redirected 2nd \$25K back to State
- USS VERMONT Commissioned April 2020
- USS VERMONT Support Group (VSG) established April 2020
- Commemorative Commissioning held August 2021
- VCC dissolved September 2021, VSG inherited assets

USS VERMONT Support Group Mission / Objectives

The USS VERMONT Support Group (VSG) is an all-volunteer organization of individuals, associations, and businesses who are dedicated to providing support for the USS VERMONT, her officers, crew and families, for the life of the boat.

In order to accomplish our Mission Statement above, the VSG has identified several objectives to accomplish our purpose.

Current Objectives:

- Support the morale and well-being of the crew and their families.
- Encourage, advocate, and generate a community of support for the crew of USS VERMONT and educate the citizens of Vermont and other supporters about our namesake submarine and the vital role she plays in our nation's defense.
- Promote lasting relationships between the State of Vermont and the crew of the USS VERMONT for the life of the submarine.
- Raise funds and finance appropriate events and activities associated with these objectives.

Long-term Objectives: Workforce training and bringing crew skills and work experience to Vermont.



Vermont's Green Mountain Boys F-35 Lightning II's perform a fly-over of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) at the Commemorative Commissioning ceremony in August of 2021. Our country's most sophisticated military platforms in the air and under the sea bearing Vermont's name seen together was a memorable moment for the Vermonters in attendance.

Finances

Initial Status (2021)

Resources: \$105K from VCC

Five-year Expense outlook: Current Objectives - \$100K, Long Term - \$85K

No Major Revenue Sources; Need to Regroup

2022 Financial Actions: Confirm current / near term support commitments and priorities

Postpone long term outlays

Investment and Security

Develop Five Year Plan

Seek Ongoing Support

2023 Five Year Plan:

USES	\$K	← SOURCES →							\$K
		DONOR	STATE	VSG	USN	IN-KIND	SALES	OTHER	
SHIP	10		10						10
CREW	40		20		10	10			40
FRG	20			10		10			20
PUBLIC EVENTS	40	10		20	5	5			40
LONG TERM	50	25	*	25					50
PUBLIC RELATIONS	15		10	5					15
MGT / ADMIN	15		10	5					15
MERCHANDISE	5			5					5
OTHER	15	5		5			5		15
TOTAL	210	40	50	75	15	25	5		210

* Refers to the Long-term objectives above

5 Year Plan and 2023 Budget Adopted November 2022

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:

USES	\$K	← SOURCES →							\$K
		DONOR	STATE	VSG	USN	IN-KIND	SALES	OTHER	
SHIP	2		2						2
CREW	4		4						4
FRG	2.5			2.5					2.5
PUBLIC EVENTS	20			20					20
LONG TERM	25			25					25
PUBLIC RELATIONS	3		2	1					3
MGT / ADMIN	3		2	1					3
MERCHANDISE	1.5						1.5		1.5
OTHER	2.5			2.5					2.5
TOTAL	63.5		10	52			1.5		63.5

This is a challenging year for USS VERMONT crew and their families as they change home port from Groton, CT to Pearl Harbor, HI in the spring.

The VSG's continuing support is especially important during this transition year.

2023 is the largest expense year of the 5-year plan. Our budget for continuing support of the crew and families and the two large public events, the Vermonters Weekend, and the Welcoming Ceremony at Pearl Harbor, is \$37K.

We ask for your support and are counting on your financial assistance.

VSG Performance with Stated Objectives

Crew Visits to Vermont



USS VERMONT sailors at LCNM



Carved Replica of USS VERMONT by Chris Miller from mahogany used for Ceres on State House dome

Customizing USS VERMONT (aka “Big Sugar”)

Providing Sailor of the Quarter awards



Engraved hull steel from USS VERMONT



Delivery of Sunshine Bags, Vermont Teddy Bears, Maple Syrup, and “Tastes of Vermont” from VSFA to the FRG

Relationship with the Vermont Family Readiness Group (FRG)

Coordinating Public Events



Our sailors marching in the Poultney 4th of July parade



VSG partner Putney Mtn Winery's tasting room display

Engaging Vermont Associations and Businesses

Command Briefings for Vermonters



USS VERMONT Officers at Norwich University Vermont



Chief Holt and family enjoy a weekend in

Encouraging Crew Families to Visit Vermont

Performing Fundraising

Summary

The USS VERMONT (SSN 792) shares more than our name. Her motto is “Freedom & Unity” which was central to the remarks by our Governor and Representative Welch at the Christening and Commissioning ceremonies. Our mission reflects that unity as we support our Honorary Vermonter crew members and their families. As we’ve adopted the USS VERMONT, so has the crew adopted Vermont as evidenced by their “Champ” shoulder patches, “Green Mountain Strong” cheer, the boat’s nickname of “Big Sugar” honoring Vermont Maple Syrup, and the extensive Vermont iconography seen throughout the boat.

We ask for your ongoing support in the form of an annual \$10K appropriation to maintain our operations and fulfill Governor Scott’s address to the Officers and crew of the VERMONT. Quoting Ethan Allen regarding the Green Mountain Boy’s perseverance, Governor Scott said “the Gods of the hills sail with you, and will always be with you on the USS VERMONT.” Please help us, on behalf of all Vermonters, make this enduring support possible.

GO BIG SUGAR!



Governor Scott joins crew members of the USS VERMONT last July for a picnic at the Montpelier Recreation Field

For more information, see us at www.ussvermont.org and on Facebook at USS Vermont Support Group